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SUBJECT: RENUNCIANTS OF MOZAMBIKAN CITIZENSHIP TO BE EXPELLED

REF: (A) MAPUTO 258 (NOTAL); (B) MAPUTO A-83 OF 1975 (NOTAL);

(C) MAPUTO A-110 OF 1975 (NOTAL); (D) LISBON 1978

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1. CALLING RENUNCIATION OF MOZAMBIKAN CITIZENSHIP "AN INSULT TO THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE," THE PERMANENT POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF FRELIMO'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS DECREED THAT THOSE INDIVIDUALS ENTITLED TO MOZAMBIKAN CITIZENSHIP AND WHO HAVE RENOUNCED THAT CITIZENSHIP WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY WITHIN SIXTY DAYS, AND DENIED RE-ENTRY. EXCEPTIONS WILL APPLY

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TO THOSE WHO LEGALLY RENOUNCED MOZAMBIKAN CITIZENSHIP WITHIN THE ORIGINALLY SPECIFIED PERIOD OF 90 DAYS FOLLOWING MOZAMBIQUE'S INDEPENDENCE, AND FOR WOMEN WHO MARRIED FOREIGNERS. DECREE DOES NOT APPLY TO MINORS WHOSE PARENTS HAVE RENOUNCED OR WHO MAY SEEK TO RENOUNCE MOZAMBIKAN NATIONALITY.

2. DECREE CONTAINS PROVISION THAT PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

OF MOZAMBIQUE CAN EXTEND THE SIXTY DAY PEROD IN SPECIAL CASES
UPON REQUEST OF INTERESTD MINISTRIES.

3. ALL INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY THIS DECREE WERE ORDERED TO REPORT
TO ANY POLICE STATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER IN HIS NEIGHBOR-
HOOD WITHIN SEVEN DAYS FOR REGISTRATION.
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4. DECREE FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY ON HEELS OF SPEECH BY PRESIDENT
MACHEL (REFTEL A) IN BEIRA IN WHICH HE SHARPLY CRITICIZED "RE-
ACTIONARY ELEMENTS," AND THOSE HE CALLED "OPPORTUNISTS." IT IS
LIKELY THAT SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE, MOSTLY PORTUGUESE, WILL
BE AFFECTED. HOWEVER, MOZAMBICAN LAW DEFINING WHA CONSTITUTES
RENUNCIATION OF MOZAMBICAN CITIZENSHIP IN DUAL NATIONALITY CASES
IS SOMEWHAT VAGUE, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH GPRM IMPLEMENTS ITS
REGULATIONS MAY RAISE OR LOWER THE NUMBER INVOLVED. NEVERTHELESS,
THE DECREE HAS HAD THE EXPECTED IMPACT ON THE REMAINING
PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY. MANY OF THOSE AFFECTED ARE GPRM CON-
TRACT WORKERS, WHOSE CONTRACTS WILL EXPIRE IN JUNE. EXPULSION OF
A LARGE NUMBER OF PORTUGUESE COULD AFFECT PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVE-
MENT IN MOZAMBIQUE-PORTUGAL RELATIONS (REFTEL D). EMBASSY IS
ATTEMPTING CONTACT PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES FOR MORE
DETAILS.
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